

Eighth graders place third at league meet

The Oberlin eighth-grade volleyball team came in third in the Northwest Kansas League tournament after defeating Quinter and Atwood but losing to Hoxie.

In the first round Oct. 21 in Oakley, Oberlin beat Quinter in two sets, 25-14, 25-22.

"The girls played very well," said Coach Gina Witt. "They did a nice job of using the ball."

Demi Murray lead the team with four kills, followed by Kariah Castle with two and Shawn Baker, one.

The girls served at 79 percent, with Whitney Witt leading the team at nine for nine.

In round two, the young Lady Red Devils lost to Hoxie in two, 25-18, 25-12.

"The girls played Hoxie better than they had in the past," Coach Witt said. "We still need to transition into defensive coverage quicker."

Oberlin had 88 percent serving, she said, with Morgan Jansonius, Molly Jansonius, Witt and Murray at 100 percent.

In the consolation round, Oberlin downed Atwood in two, 25-17, 25-18.

"The girls played really well to finish the season in third place,"

Coach Witt said. "The girls did a good job of attacking the ball and transitioning. They did a good job of serving as well, with a 90 percent average."

Four servers, Grace Randel, Witt, Baker and Castle, had 100 percent.

Earlier in the month, Oberlin lost to Oakley in three sets, 25-17, 22-25, 15-9.

"The girls kept improving every week," Coach Witt said. "We were a little slow in transition coverage, but they worked hard. We did a wonderful job serving, with 90 percent efficiency."

Castle and Murray were 100 percent in the A game and McKenna O'Hare and Castle were 100 percent in a B game.

"We worked hard at attacking the ball," Coach Witt said. "(We were) 36 for 45 for 80 percent."

Murray was 14 for 14 attacking the ball with three kills. Molly Jansonius was eight for 10 with two kills. Rebecca Wentz, Baker and Castle each had a kill.

"I enjoyed coaching the girls this season," Coach Witt said. "Watching them grow and improve from last year to this year is very rewarding."

Seventh graders come in fourth

The Oberlin seventh-grade volleyball girls won their first game in the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Hoxie but then dropped the next two to place fourth.

"I'm so proud of how far these girls have come," said Assistant Coach Kerri Wahlmeier after the Oct. 21 tournament. "They will continue to get better in the future."

In the first round, the Oberlin girls beat Quinter in two sets, 25-5, 25-12.

"The girls were ready to step up and play," Coach Wahlmeier said. "They were excited and having fun."

The girls then fell to Hoxie 25-16, 25-19.

"All of the girls played tough, but were unable to come up with the victory," the coach said.

In its last match, Oberlin took on Oakley for third place but the young Lady Plainsmen beat them 25-15, 25-23.

"The girls did not play up to their

potential," the coach said, "but I was still proud of all their effort throughout the day."

Kaitlynn Fisher was the top server against Quinter with 17 out of 19 and 13 aces.

Ara Singleton-Marine was the top passer with nine out of 10 and the top hitter with nine out of 12.

Alexandra Waterman was the top server against Hoxie with six out of six. Marine was the top setter with 13 out of 16 and she was the top hitter.

Fisher was the top server against Oakley with 18 out of 20 and six aces.

Caitlin Gault was the top passer with 18 out of 20.

Sabryn O'Gara was the top setter with 20 out of 24 and Marine the top hitter with 13 out of 14 and a kill.

"I was proud of all the players," Coach Wahlmeier said. "All of them stepped up, worked hard and did their best."

Junior varsity finishes season with 3-4 record

The Oberlin junior varsity football team beat Atwood but lost to Colby and St. Francis to finish the season with a 3-4 record.

On Oct. 11, the 13-man Red Devil team downed the Rawlins County Buffaloes 50-6 in Atwood.

The next week, the Colby Eagles beat the Decatur Community High boys 28-6 in Oberlin.

The boys' final game, in St. Francis on Oct. 25, went to the Indians

14-8 in a tight contest.

Earlier in the year, the Red Devils beat Oakley 8-0 and Cambridge, Neb., 24-8 but lost to Goodland 27-6 and Norton 38-6.

"These young players continued to improve and work hard throughout the entire season" said Coach Caleb Howland. "(They) have a lot of fun playing together and will continue to improve for future seasons."



THE OBERLIN EIGHTH GRADERS downed St. Francis 34-28 on Thursday. Kaine Frederickson shot the ball while Kelden Breth (No. 20) and Regent Erickson prepared to get the rebound if needed. — Herald photo by Sarah Frederickson

Junior high boys win first games

Oberlin's junior high boys started their basketball season on the road with wins Thursday for both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams.

The seventh graders edged St. Francis 19-17.

"For our first game, we attempted to do things right," said Coach Tim Breth. "There were a lot of first-game errors and confusion. We'll improve if we shoot a better percentage. That would have made a much easier game."

As it was, Oberlin outscored St. Francis 4-1 in the first quarter and 4-0 in the second, to lead 8-1 at the half. However, in the third quarter, the young Indians came back outscoring the Red Devils, 10-4 to cut the lead to 12-11.

In the fourth quarter, Oberlin was able to edge the home team 7-6 for the two-point victory.

Scoring for the seventh grade were Noah Nelson, 11 points, seven rebounds and four steals; Keagan Blau, 2 points, five rebounds and two blocks; Justice Harris, 2 points

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and four rebounds; and Kade Grafel and Konner Witt, 2 points each.

The eighth graders did better, outgunning St. Francis 34-28.

"Unexpectedly, St. Francis came out and played man-to-man defense," Coach Breth said. "We weren't ready for that. Our experience was a big key to winning this game. In the second half, we shot poorly and had too many turnovers."

"We'll get better."

Oberlin out hit St. Francis 15-5 in the first quarter and 9-2 in the second to lead 24-7 at the half. In the third quarter, Oberlin again out shot St. Francis, this time 8-5, to lead 32-12.

But, in the fourth quarter, the

young Indians came back and outplayed the Red Devils 16-2, not enough to overcome Oberlin's lead.

Scoring for the eighth graders were Kelden Breth, 12 points and three steals; Ganon Henningson, 10 points and six rebounds; Kaine

Frederickson, 6 points; Regent Erickson, 4 points and 10 rebounds; and Troy Juenemann, 2 points and four rebounds.

The junior high boys were to play St. Patrick's of McCook at home on Monday and Quinter on the road on Tuesday.

On Thursday, the boys will be home again for a 4:30 p.m. start against the young Rawlins County Buffaloes.

Next week, the boys will play Oakley at home on Thursday, Nov. 18, with a 4:30 p.m. start.

Junior High Boys Basketball

Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Francis	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 8, St. Patrick's of McCook.....	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Quinter	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 11, Rawlins County	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 18, Oakley	4:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 22, at Hoxie.....	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 2, at Rawlins County	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 9, St. Francis	4:30 p.m.
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Young Red Devils start basketball

The Oberlin junior high boys basketball teams have started their season under Coach Tim Breth and assistant Coach Jason Ketterl.

"We are hoping for a very successful year," Coach Breth said before the first game last week. "Our returning players are experienced and 'salty.'"

"The eighth grade, which finished 9-2, was defeated last year in the semifinals of the Northwest Kansas League tournament by Goodland. Goodland and Colby are no longer in our league."

"Our seventh graders are less experienced, but Andrew Wade and Keagan Blau played summer

ball. We only have seven seventh graders out, so a few eighth graders will fill in."

Also playing for the Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade team will be Noah Nelson, Justice Harris, Kelly Brown, Kade Grafel and Konner Witt.

Suiting up for the eighth grade will be Aaron Cressler, Jordan Baker, Kaine Frederickson, Kelden Breth, Troy Juenemann, Gabe Anderson, Fernando Sanchez, Rex Diederich, Ganon Henningson, Austin Kyte, Regent Erickson, Logan Berry and Kaleb Teddie.

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